

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

BOARD MEETING

Monday, August 23, 1982

and

Tuesday, August 24, 1982

JESSE M. KNOWLES  
CHAIRMAN

Baton Rouge, Louisiana

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MINUTES OF MEETING OF  
LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

August 23, 1982

and

August 24, 1982

Chairman Jesse M. Knowles, presiding

Members present:

Mr. Wayne Ducote  
Mr. J. C. Gilbert  
Mr. George N. Gray  
Mr. Charles A. Riggs

Secretary Jesse J. Guidry was present.

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The regular monthly meeting of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission was called to order by the Chairman, Mr. Jesse M. Knowles, on Monday August 23, at 2:00 p.m. at the Quail Drive Office of the Department of Wildlife & Fisheries, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Motion was made by Mr. Charles A. Riggs, seconded by Mr. George Gray, and passed unanimously, that the Commission to into a committee of the whole.

A roll call of members present was taken.

Motion was made by Mr. Charles A. Riggs, seconded by Mr. George Gray to approve the minutes of the May 17 and 18, 1982 meeting and the corrections. The corrections are added to these minutes as an addendum.

A motion was made by Mr. George N. Gray and seconded by Mr. Charles A. Riggs, and passed unanimously, that a resolution of commendation be adopted for John W. Barton.

(The full text of the resolution is  
here made a part of the record)

WHEREAS, the restoration of the Eastern wild turkey to the level of its former abundance in Louisiana has long been an objective of the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, and

WHEREAS, it has been repeatedly demonstrated that live-trapping and transplanting is the only feasible method for accomplishing wild turkey restoration, and

WHEREAS, the lack of a source of wild turkey for trapping and transplanting had prevented restoration efforts for many years, and

WHEREAS, John W. Barton, through his acquisition of a portion of the old "Terzia Wildlife Refuge" in Morehouse Parish-- now known as the Georgia-Pacific Wildlife Management Area-- was able to donate several hundred wild turkeys from this area for restocking purposes, and

WHEREAS, these initial releases of wild turkeys from this area are largely responsible for the unprecedented progress of the state's wild turkey restoration program, now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby take this means of recognizing this valuable contribution of wildlife management in Louisiana and commends John W. Barton for his generosity, public awareness, and genuine interest in Louisiana's wildlife resources.

Motion was made by Mr. Charles A. Riggs, seconded by Mr. George Gray, and passed unanimously, that the Commission prohibit netting on Bundicks Lake.

(The full text of the notice of intent is here made part of the record)

WHEREAS, the State Representative of Allen and Beauregard Parishes, as a result of numerous requests from his constituents, has asked the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to prohibit netting in Bundicks Lake, Beauregard Parish, Louisiana, and

WHEREAS, Bundicks Lake is a relatively small impoundement of approximately 1700 acres, with an average depth of about 5 feet making gamefish populations extremely vulnerable to netting, and

WHEREAS, commercial fish populations are very low except for a moderate catfish population which is harvested primarily and adequately with slat traps and trotlines.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby prohibits the use of netting in Bundicks Lake, Beauregard Parish, Louisiana.

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Motion was made by Mr. George N. Gray, seconded by Mr. Wayne Ducote, and passed unanimously, that gill, trammel and flagg nets be prohibited on Caddo Lake.

(The full text of the notice of intent is here made part of the record)

WHEREAS, a petition containing 170 signatures of Caddo Parish residents requesting the prohibition of gill, trammel and flagg nets in Caddo Lake, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, was submitted to the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, and

WHEREAS, state legislators of Caddo Parish, as a result of numerous requests from their constituents, have also asked the Commission to prohibit gill, trammel, and flagg nets in Caddo Lake, and

WHEREAS, the most important commercial species in Caddo Lake is catfish, and is primarily harvested with hoop nets, and can still be harvested adequately using hoop nets, slat traps, and set lines, and

WHEREAS, past research conducted by the Department has demonstrated detrimental effects of gill, trammel, and flagg nets in gamefish species in similar type impoundments as Caddo Lake.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby prohibits the use of gill, trammel and flagg nets in Caddo Lake, Caddo Parish, Louisiana; and for this prohibition to become effective January 1, 1983.

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Motion was made by Mr. Charles A. Riggs, to adopt the water-fowl hunting seasons as recommended by the Department in the

west zone.

WHEREAS, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service has established frameworks for the 1982-83 waterfowl hunting season, and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission must abide by these frameworks in setting waterfowl hunting seasons,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the following waterfowl hunting season dates are established by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission for the 1982-83 hunting season.

Ducks and Coots

West Zone:	Nov. 6 - Dec. 5	30 days
	Dec. 18 - Jan. 11	25 days

Geese

West Zone:	Nov. 6 - Dec. 5	30 days
	Dec. 18 - Jan. 26	40 days

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all provisions of the frameworks established for waterfowl hunting by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service which are applicable to Louisiana are hereby adopted and made a part of the Louisiana waterfowl hunting regulations for the 1982-83 hunting season.

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Motion was made by Wayne Ducote, to adopt the waterfowl hunting seasons as recommended by the Department in the East zone. The motion failed due to the lack of a second.

Motion was made by Mr. J. C. Gilbert, seconded by Mr. George N. Gray, to set the waterfowl season dates for the east zone to be Nov. 20 - Dec. 5 and Dec. 18 - Jan. 20. Mr. Ducote objected and a roll call vote was taken on the motion.

Roll call:	Mr. Wayne Ducote	-	No
	Mr. J. C. Gilbert	-	Yes
	Mr. Charles Riggs	-	Yes
	Mr. George N. Gray	-	Yes

Three in favor, the motion passed.

(The full text of the resolution is here made part of the record)

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WHEREAS, the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission must abide by these frameworks in setting waterfowl hunting seasons,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the following waterfowl hunting season dates are established by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission for the 1982-83 hunting season.

Ducks and Coots

East Zone:	Nov. 20 - Dec. 5	16 days
	Dec. 18 - Jan. 20	34 days

Geese

	Nov. 20 - Dec. 5	16 days
	Dec. 18 - Feb. 9	54 days

Special Scaup Season

Jan. 21 - Jan. 31

Only in certain designated coastal waters to be identified in the Departmental waterfowl brochure.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all provisions of the frameworks established for waterfowl hunting by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service which are applicable to Louisiana are hereby adopted and made a part of the Louisiana waterfowl hunting regulations for the 1982-83 hunting season.

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Motion was made by Mr. Charles A. Riggs, seconded by Mr. Wayne Ducote, and passed unanimously, to adopt the migratory hunting seasons other than waterfowl as recommended.

(The full text of the resolution is here made a part of the record)

WHEREAS, after a meeting with U.S. Fish and Wildlife personnel in Washington D.C. pertaining to migratory bird seasons other than waterfowl, and

WHEREAS, tentative dates for the migratory bird seasons other than waterfowl were discussed with the Commission at the June 29, 1982 meeting, and

WHEREAS, we received the final notice from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in July, the tentative dates of the June discussion were used in complying with Federal Seasons, and

WHEREAS, these dates were as follows:

Recommended Season Dates

1982 - 1983

Doves:

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Days</u>	<u>Bag Limit</u>	<u>Possession Limit</u>
<u>NORTH ZONE</u>			
Sept. 4 - Sept. 19	16 days	12	24
Oct. 16 - Nov. 7	23 days	12	24
Dec. 11 - Jan. 10	31 days	12	24
Total --	70 days		

SOUTH ZONE

Oct. 16 - Nov. 28	44 days	12	24
Dec. 11 - Jan. 5	26 days	12	24
Total --	70 days		

Woodcock:

Dec. 11 - Feb. 13	65 days	5	10
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Rails:

Sept. 18 - Sept. 26	9 days	15*	30
Nov. 6 - Jan. 5	61 days	15*	30
Total --	70 days		

Gallinules:

Sept. 18 - Sept. 26	9 days	15	30
Nov. 6 - Jan. 5	61 days	15	30
Total	70 days		



Snipe:

Nov. 6 - Feb. 20	107 days	8	16
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Teal:

Sept. 18 - Sept. 26	9 days	4	8
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Shooting Hours: From  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour before sunrise to sunset daily, except that teal season shooting hours are sunrise to sunset.

\*Clapper and king rails: 25 daily bag and possession limits singly or in the aggregate for sora and Virginia rails.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission on this date of August 24, 1982, ratify the 1982-83 migratory bird seasons other than waterfowl as discussed and presented by the Game Division staff.

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Motion was made by Wayne Ducote, seconded by Mr. George N. Gray, and passed unanimously, that the Department retain twenty percent (20%) of the survey fee for processing private surveys.

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Motion was made by Mr. Charles A. Riggs, seconded by Mr. George Gray, and passed unanimously, that the Commission authorize three Commission members to make a waterfowl survey to Mexico in January 1983.

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Chairman Knowles announced the dates for the Commission meeting in October. The meeting will be October 25 and 26 in New Orleans.

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Jesse M. Knowles  
Chairman

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Jesse J. Guidry  
Secretary

Mr. Gray requested the Dept to determine the status of Rockefeller funds for land acquisition by the next meeting.

ERRATA SHEET  
FOR  
COMMISSION MEETING - May 17-18, 1982

Page 5, last paragraph, line 12, insert "increased  
or decreased up to 25%" rather than "by 25%"

Page 6, paragraph 3, line 2, delete "over and above"  
and in lieu thereof insert the following: "due to"

Page 6, paragraph 4, line 3, delete "over and above"  
and insert "due to"

Page 19, last paragraph, line 3, insert after "a",  
"permit or"